

REMARKS

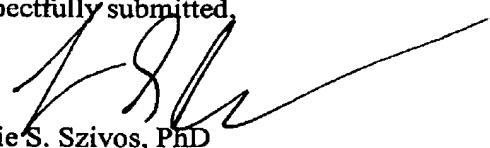
Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

Applicants observe that this amendment includes only the listing of the claims section of the previous Response dated December 27, 2004 in which an improper status identifier was used for Claim 1. In order to satisfy the requirement noted in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, applicants submit herewith a complete listing of the claims, including Claim 1 as being identified as "Currently Amended", instead of "Amended".

The present Amendment is intended to be used in conjunction with the Response dated December 7, 2004 thus the remarks section of the previous Response is incorporated herein by reference.

Thus, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is firmly believed that the present case is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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